New Postal Schemes

4973. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new schemes proposed by the Department of Posts during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the amount allocated for the first two years for the above schemes;

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared to implement the above schemes effectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) The details of the new schemes proposed by the Department of Posts for the Tenth Plan Period along with the funds allocated for the first two years, are as below:

Sl. No.	Plan schemes	Financial allocation (Rs. in crores)	
		2002-03	2003-04
1.	Modernisation of circle Stamp Depot	0.26	0.01
2.	Computerisation of International Mail processing	1.26	2.06
3.	National Data centre	5.00	0.50
4.	Research & Development Studies/Surveys	1.00	0.07
5.	Establishment of Express Parcel Post Centres	0.50	0.01
6.	e-Post	0.50	2.30
7.	e-Bill post	0.50	3.00
8.	New products and services including development of financial products and services	5.00	3.60

(c) and (d) Implementation of the schemes will be on the basis of the phasing approved by the competent authority for the whole plan period, which will be monitored and reviewed regularly to ensure effective and timely implementation. Approvals for a few have been obtained, while others are in the process of being compiled. Monitoring mechanisms are available at the level of administrative

divisions as well as centrally, within the Department, and also by the Planning Commission, which reviews them on a quarterly basis.

Inward postal traffic

4974. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the inward traffic of the money orders and other articles into the country through Postal Department during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the traffic is gradually coming down;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for such a decline in the postal traffic into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) The inward postal traffic for the last five years is as given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below):

(b) No, Sir. The traffic is fluctuating in all categories except EMS (International Speed Post) where there is consistent increase.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement

Inward Postal Traffic during last five years

Inward Money Orders:

Year	No. of Inward Money Orders	Amount in Rupees Crores
1998	42918	18.86
1999	45922	19.61
2000	46265	18.89
2001	44556	20.45
2002	42169	22.57